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Finance Committee Minutes 01-27-2003

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM Town Hall Hearing Room
 1/27/03

ATTENDEES:

Janowitz*	Feinleib	O'Riordan*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrisette*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Tosi	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Counsel John Maher

MINUTES of 12/9/02 approved unanimously.

REPORTS:

School Subcommittee: Fanning reported that the Superintendent recommended \$5 million in cuts to meet the O'Neill formula target. The School Committee favors an override. Tosti attended a School Committee meeting to explain the O'Neill formula.

Minuteman: DeCoursey will attend the superintendent's budget presentation tomorrow.

Symmes: Foskett announced a public hearing on 2/13. The consultants will present three alternatives of varying fiscal robustness. The central issue is density vs. revenue. He expects twice the floor area of the present buildings is needed to break even. There is a lot of interest from developers. An informal developers' roundtable is planned this week. The town will probably have to prepare the site at the cost of several million dollars. This will include demolition of the hospital buildings because their layouts are poorly suited for either offices or housing.

Capital Planning: Foskett stated that the 2002 Capital Plan represented 5% of expected Town budgets after accounting for no increase in state aid.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: The committee entered executive session for this discussion after a unanimous roll-call vote.

WARRANT: Members received a draft warrant. Each article was considered for a hearing. The executive secretary will schedule hearings for the articles selected, at least 40 of the 77 listed. Several articles were assigned to members for investigation. See table. The numbers will probably change in the final warrant.

COMMITTEE: Budgets are expected this weekend. The chair has made subcommittee assignments. No meeting

Wed 1/29.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$300,000

Budget & Article Action Summary

Budg et #	Date of presentation	Date of vote	\$	Vote	Art#	Date of presentation	Date of vote	\$	Vote / assigned to
1					6	2/5			
2					7				
3					10				
4					11				
5					12				
6					14				
7					15				
8					17				
9					19				Foskett
10					20	2/3			
11					21				
12					23				
13					26				
14					27				Foskett
15					30	2/3			
16					31	2/3			
17a					36				
17b					37	2/5			
17c					38	2/5			
17d					39				
17e					42				
17f					43				
19					44				
20					46	2/5			
21a					47				
21b					48				
21c					49				
21d					50				
22					51				
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WS					56				O'Neill
Rec					57				
Rnk					58				
COA					59				Foskett
YS					60				DeCourc ey
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77					67				
76					68				
75				Fosk ett	69				
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Submitted by Peter Howard

